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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) Two-block or multi-block railroad tie which carry rail supports, comprising a plurality of prefabricated individual concrete blocks having protruding reinforcement parts, and welded connections which connect said protruding reinforcement parts to thereby form the two block or multiblock railroad tie.

2. (Previously Presented) The two-block or multi-block railroad tie of claim 1, wherein equalizing pieces are disposed between the reinforcing parts.

3. (Previously Presented) The two-block or multi-block railroad tie of claim 1, wherein the protruding reinforcing parts are, in each case, offset laterally in the individual blocks, so that, when the individual blocks are aligned axially, they overlap one another and extend closely next to one another.

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4. (Currently Amended) The two-block or multi-block railroad tie of claim 1, wherein the reinforcement parts ~~reinforcements~~ are V-shaped, angled bar joists, each of which includes three longitudinal rods ~~joists with, in each case three longitudinal rods~~, forming the edges of a triangular prism, and two meandering coils connecting these.

5. (Currently Amended) The two-block or multi-block railroad tie of claim 4, wherein the bar joists of each individual block are connected with one another by placed-down or pushed-in bar joist sections, which are ~~clamped, bolted or welded~~ together.

6. (Previously Presented) The two-block or multi-block railroad tie of claim 1, wherein the reinforcing parts, braced with one another, protrude downward out of the only partly formed concreting of the individual blocks.

7. (Previously Presented) The two-block or multi-block railroad tie of claim 1, wherein reinforcing rods of the reinforcing parts, which are spaced apart opposite one another, are connected to one another by mounted pipe sections.

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8. (Currently Amended) Method for producing a two-block or multi-block railroad ties comprising prefabricating a plurality of individual concrete blocks having protruding reinforcement parts, aligning the plural blocks at the installation site utilizing a gauge, and connecting by welding the protruding reinforcement parts of the aligned plural individual blocks at the job site to form said two block or multi-block railroad tie.